Burghersdorp men, who were under fire for

the first time, stood the fire of the twelve Brit-

ish guns for three hours. Gen. Grobler came

to the support of Commandant Olivier. Gen

Grobler attacked the British in the rear and

soon drew on bimself a heavy cannonade. The

English were subjected to a cross-fire and

finally fled, leaving a great number of dead and

wounded on the field. These were gathered

up by the Boers. The armored trains failed

British were compelled to return to Molteno

whom were sent to Pretoria. Included in the

number were six officers, twenty non-com-

Special Cable Despatch to Tun See.

from attempting to occupy the place.

"During the night the Hoers moved round to

a position on our east flank. R. Battery, under

Major Burton, the Sixth Carbineers, under

Major Scott and the Inniskilling Fusillers,

under Col. Anderson, were ordered to a post-

tion a mile to the right of Arundel. The hills

onened a strong fire whenever our troops were uncovered. By excellent artillery practice we

slowly drove the enemy back. Two of the Boer guns were early silenced. About midday our

guns silenced their Long Tom. Heavy firing

was heard to the westward near Vaal Kop. An

intermittent fire proceeded, the enemy using

The feature of the day was our accurate ar-

tillery fire. The enemy were forced to retreat

at Tsaiboschlaagte. Our loss was five wounded.

The Boor loss is unknown. The New Zealand

and New South Wales contingents did excellent

Despatches from Modder River state that the

enemy adopted new tactics at the battle of

Magersfontein. They abandoned the kopies

and occupied rifle pits on the bushy plain. They made slight use of their artillery.

The Time's East London correspondent says

that the farmers in that district are clamoring

There is growing feeling that the regular

military officers are shunting the irregulars.

Gen. Gatacre in his disastrous attempt to cap-

ture Stormberg used two Kaffir guides, when

he had a number of Cape police who knew the

ground accurately. Both guides were shot in

DURLIN CHEERS FOR THE BOERS.

ecretary Chamberlain in the City and Is

Carefully Guarded by the Police.

Special Cable Dematch to THE SUN.

DUBLIN, Dec. 17 .- A public meeting that had

been arranged to take place to-day to express

the visit to this city of Colonial Secretary Chamberlain, upon whom Trinity University

has conferred a degree, was forbidden by the

chief magistrate on the ground that it was

likely to be seditious. An attempt was made

a hold the meeting despite the order forbid-

ding it, but it was broken up by the police,

who seized a Transvani flag. Subsequently a

number of the demonstrators paraded the

streets, and then an indoor meeting was held.

Pro-Boer speeches were made by William Red-

mond, M. P., Patrick O'Brien, M. P., and Mi-

Extraordinary precautions were taken by

SORTIE FROM KIMBERLEY.

Boers Driven From Their Trenches at Kam-

feens and Webster.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

force of infantry and cavalry and a battery.

made a reconnoissance northward this morn-

ing. The British shelled the Boers who were

occupying a position at Kamfeens and forced

them to retire from excellently constructed

earthworks. The enemy also evacuated

ROBERTS AND KITCHENER,

Careers of the Men Who Are Going to Com-

The name of Field Marshat Lord Roberts

household word in England. He wa

of Kandahar, who goes to South Africa in supreme command of the British army there.

mand in South Africa.

The British loss was one killed and four

KIMBERLEY, Dec. 9 .- Col. Chamier, with a

ympathy with the Boers and to p

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rifles and our artillery shelling.

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nisslaned officers and 221 men of the North-

render any successful assistance, and the

# ENGLAND IS ARGUSED.

## Lord Roberts Supersedes Buller-To Have 180,000 Men.

## **NEW CAMPAIGN MAPPED OUT.**

Gen. Kitchener Will Go to Command the Chief Army of Invasion.

Field-Marshal Lord Roberts Made Commander-in-Chief-Ladysmith, Kimberley and Mafeking Must Wait Until the New Army Arrives-Butter, Gatacre and Methnen to Make No More Attacks-All Reserves Called Out, Militia to Be Mobllized and a Strong Force of Volunteers, Especially of Mounted Men, to Be Organized-Colonial Aid Will Be Accepted -New Campaign to Open Late in January.

LONDON, Dec. 17 .- England is aroused, indeed. All her reserves, a strong force of yeomanry, other mounted volunteers, all her available colonial troops and a strong division of militia are ordered to the seat of war. Field-Marshal Lord Roberts will go as Commander-in-Chief and Gen. Lord Kitchener of Whartonm fame will accompany him as sec-

ond in command. These startling orders were issued by the War off e to-night. They mean that almost the whole strength of the British Empire will will be thrown into South Africa. The mobilization of the troops will be pushed with the greatest possible speed and the fastest ships | He is younger now than Von Moltke when he from the British mercantile marine will be used to hurry the forces to the Cape. It is calculated that these reenforcements will begin to reach South Africa in about five weeks.

Meantime, the original campaign will be abandoned, and a general policy of mark time will be adopted by the commanders of the forces now in the field. Gen. Buller will remain in charge of the Natal campaign. Gen. Kitchener will probably command the main army of invasion, of which Gen. Gatacre's force is at present the representatire. It is not known yet whether Gen. Methuen will attempt to advance on Kimberier or withdraw to Orange River pending the inauguration of a new campaign. The latter move seems most probable, as the preading of rebellion in Cape Colony makes his union with Gen. French prudent. There is no doubt that Gen. Gatacre's peril will be the greatest during the month of inaction which must now ensue. A large part of Gen. Warren's division will probably soon reenforce him.

The news of Great Britain's tremendous preparations may spur the Boers into serious aggression before the fresh British troops ar rive but thus far they have shown no desire to attack entrenched forces, while the British disasters have been caused by just that thing. All the indications now point to the begin-

ning of a great campaign late in January. Meantime Ladysmith, Kimberley and Mafebut according to all accounts there is no serious danger that famine will be added to their

The War Office announcement to-night ran

"Acting on the advice of the military authoritles her Majesty's Government has approved the following measures:

'All remaining portions of the army reserve, including Section D, will be called out. The Beventh Division which is being mobilized will proceed to South Africa without delay, as well as reenforcements of artillery, including a howiver brigade. The Commander-in-Chief in South Africa has been authorized to continue to raise at his discretion local mounted corps, and it is intended to send as well a considerable mounted force from home. Nine battalions of militia, in addition to the two battalions which have already volunteered for service in Malta and the Channel Islands, will be allowed to volunteer for service outside the United Kingdom, and an equivalent additional number of militia bat-A strong force of volunteers from selected yeamanry regiments will be formed for service in South Africa. Arrangements are being made and will shortly be announced for the employment in South Africa of a strong contingent of carefully selected volunteers. The patriotic offers which are being received from the colonies will, as far as possible, be accepted Preference will be given to offers of mounted contingents."

A second War Office announcement says "As the campaign in Natal is, in the opinion of her Majesty's Government, likely to require the presence and undivided attention of Gen Builer, it has been decided to send Field Marshal Lord Roberts to the Cape as Commander in-Chief in South Africa with Gen. Lord Kitchener as chief of his staff."

The British losses in South Africa, not induting deaths from disease, now reach a total

The chief interest in the new campaign centres in the Government's decision to use a volunteer forces the yeomanry and militia For active service the yeomanry should supply a useful contingent. They, as the Telegraph editorially says, "like the rest of the volunteers are drawn from the great middle and lower middle classes in England, Scotland and Wales. They may not possess the mechanical perfection of cross-country riders in the world than the

Section D of the reserve, which has been called out, consists of men who have completed the term of their original enlistment and who engage to serve an additional four years. The mi ma are the same class of men as the regulars and are in camp a month annually, These, together with serves, number 113,000 men. Their chief is officers. The yeomanry, the backbone of which is young farmers, are well officered, often by men retired from the regular cavalry, who marrying young, settle on their country estates. They number 10, 207. All are well mounted on their own

In the militia are 14,734 artillerymen and 1.8d4 engineers. Of the militia only 14,600 are over 35 years of age. Similar numbers are aged 30 and 35, and the remainder are under 30,

Through Sleeper to Cleveland via Pennsyl vania Railroad

Leaves New York (West 28d St. Station) 7:55 P. M. ally. Connects for Akron.—Adv.

Over 32,000 are agricultural laborers, 13,000 | Commandant Olivier, with 400 Aliwal and ONE BOER GUN DESTROYED miners and 10,000 artisans. The volunteer infantry contains some regiments that are con-sidered the equal of any of the regular regiments. It also includes the best shots, but their average shooting is lower than that of

The Government does not indicate the num ber of volunteers that will be permitted to serve, but Lord Roberts's grand army will probably reach a total of rather over 180,000 of

NEW ORDERS PLEASE LONDON.

Press Approves the Action Taken by the Government. Special Cable Dematch to THE SUN

LONDON, Dec. 18,-The press unanimously praises the Government's new orders. The Daily Mail says: "It is the only really good news of the past weary ten weeks. It is now widely known that Sir Michael Hicks-Beach. Chancellor of the Exchequer, to whose parsimony much blame for the disasters is due. declined to grant the money necessary for the first preparations. Had Gen. Kitchener been at the head of affairs he would have got the

money or resigned." The Observer's generally well-informed political editor yesterday suggested the retirement of Sir Michael Hicks-Beach. The Standard, commenting on the appointment of Field Marshal Lord Roberts and Gen. Lord Kitchener, says:

"The appearance of two such famous soldiers will tend to reassure the public mind and restore confidence in the capacity of those at the head of affairs in South Africa, which has been somewhat shaken.

"Lord Roberts is a great strategist and Lord Kitchener is a master in just those arts of organization and administration that are urgently needed."

The Telegraph expresses the greatest satisaction over the appointments of Lord Boberts and Lord Kitchener. It says: east of Arundel were covered with Boers, who "Every one realizes what is at stake. Every

one is determined that all shall yet go aright."

It enumerates the measures taken, saying: Such is the answer of the United Kingdom untoward incidents in South Africa the sarcastic perans of jubilation from those on the Continent who are already feasting their eyes on the breakup of the British empire and the ruin of its military prestige. Let them wait a little. "The action of the Cabinet will command the warm approval of the British people. Although Lord Roberts is 67 years old he is in mind and body more vigorous than the average of men twenty years his junior.

The Times declares that Lord Roberts's name to the troops is a sure omen of victory. The paper suggests Warren or Tucker as likely to take command on the western and

left Berlin to conduct the German armies to

southern frontiers. It concludes: "Whatever sacrifices we may be called upon undergo, we know that in the long run ling-

and, if true to herself, cannot fall." The Daily News praises the appointment of Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener, and takes the opportunity to lengthily criticise the previous shortcomings of the government. It says: "The decision of Saturday was either the counsel of panic or a confession of utter miscalculation. What a reflection on the for a promenade to Pretoria, and what a tribute, let us add, to the courage, mili-tary ability and resources of the Dutch Republics." The paper contrasts the Government's notification to the colonies of its preference for mounted troops with its message to them on Oct. 10, saying: "In view of the numbers already available infantry will be the most and cavalry the least serviceable." Like the rest of the papers it concludes: "We mean to see this thing

through. The Morning Post says: "The appropresement will be received with a sense of relief throughout the Empire. The paper urges speed in sending the troops to South Africa regardless of all cost. It declares: "Any interruption of sea transport would be fatal. The Navy should at once, at any cost, be brought to a state of complete readiness for action. This is no time for spar-There has been too much that already." Meanwhile, it urges that Gens. Methuen and Gatacre strictly on the defensive, and that Gen. Warren's division go immediately to Natal. says: "Better lose Kimberley and save White than rescue Kimberley while losing White's

force and compromising Methuen's." The Post's military critic interprets Gen. dethuen's action in fortifying his camp as the formation of an advanced base for the accumulation of stores in view of his independent communications being cut to the southward.

The deepest sympathy is universally exessed for Lord Roberts, because of the death of his son, who would probably have had the Victoria Cross conferred on him for his attempt to rescue the guns at Tugela River. Colony show that the Dutch population are

showing an increased tendency to disloyalty. some places they are joining the Boers in large numbers. The natives, both in Cape Colony and Basutoland, are restive. The news of Gen. Gatacre's defeat was received with consternation by the whites in Basutoland, but fortunately the natives, according to a despatch from Maseru, believe the current rumors that the Boers have been driven back.

#### BOERS SAY IT WAS GOD'S WORK. Cheir Victory at Stormberg Where 1,100 Men Routed Gatacre's 3,000.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUR. on, Dec. 17.-The Central News correpondent at Sterkstroom, who was captured while attending an ambulance after Gen, Gatere's defeat and then released, telegraphs under date of Dec. 14 that he interviewed the Boer commandants. He says they talked modeatly and frankly. They ascribed their victory andoubtingly to the direct intervention of Providence, which, they declared, was surely

ratching over the armies of the republics.

A senior officer said: "How can we doubt it was the work of God? We were completely surprised. We had no idea you were coming to attack us. The first intimation of your approach was the arrival of your troops in easy range of our best position. Yes, it was surely

The correspondent further says that the British guides are now under arrest. They made the fatal mistake of taking the wrong road just at the end of a long march. This neant an extra six miles and arrival at the wrong position. The Boor commandants freely admitted that had it been otherwise hey could not possibly have withstood the at-

Gen. Gatacre last evening addressed his roops and thanked them for their good work. He was heartily cheered. LOBENZO MARQUEZ, Dec. 15 .- A despatch

rom Pretoria says: Full details of the great fight on Saturday etween the Boers and the British under Gen Catacre at Stormberg have now been received. The locality of the battle was north of Molten the rolling country on the summit of the Stormberg range of mountains. The British moved out during the night, 3,000 strong, with wo armored trains in their rear and twelve

They fell upon the first Boer camp at 4 o'clock Genuine Holiday Pleasure

Trip to Chicago on the "Pennsylvania Limited" over the Fennsylvania Railroad. More comfortable than home.—Ada,

GEN. METBUEN SHELLS THE POSI-TION OF THE ENEMY.

Reconnoissance on Friday That Unmasked the Boer Batteries-Gen. Wauchope Buried-Spy Arrested in Methuen's Camp-Incidents of Magersfontein Fight. Special Cable Despatch to Tun Bun.

MODDER RIVER, Dec. 15 (Delayed in trans-The Boers cartured 692 prisoners, all of niesion).-Gen. Pole-Carew, with the Ninth Brigade, a squadron of Lancers, the Seventyfifth Battery, with howitzers and four naval umberland Fusiliers, and two officers and 250 12-pounders and the 4.7-inch naval guns men of the Boyal Irish Billes. Three cannon and two nonmunition wagons were also captured. The Boer forces engaged numbered [1100. An offficial report places the Boer losses at five kided and six wounded.

It is reported that the Boer victory has created great excitement among the Dutch of Cape Colony. made a reconnoissance early this morning. The navai guns opened fire at 5:20 While the brigade deployed on the plain the howitzers and naval guns searched the Boer trenches and forced the enemy to unmask two guns. The naval contingent dismantled one of these, but it was impossible to GEN. FRENCH'S FORCE IN ACTION. touch the other, which seemed to disappear as soon as it was discharged. The British re-A Day's Fighting Near Arundel Which Checked a Flank Movement by the Boers. without sustaining any casualties. Gen. Lord Methuen directed the operations rom horseback. His wound is almost healed. CAPE Town, Dec. 14. (Delayed in trans-Numerous stories are told in camp of incilents that occurred at the battle of Magersmission).-A despatch to the Times from Arundel says: "Early this morning a strong fontein. A leorporal of the Seaforth Highlanders was taken prisoner. His rifle was taken Boer force, with two guns, attempted to flank us. They were discovered and we had a day's from him and he was kept in the trenches in fighting. The Boers were compelled to retire. charge of a Boer. When the others retired the corporal seized and drew the bayonet from the The previous day Col. Porter occupied Vanl Kop with two horse artillers guns and a squadron of the Tenth Hussars. This was adrifle the Boer was holding, stabbed his captor took his Mauser and bandoller, and afterward mirable forethought, as it prevented the Boers came back into the British lines bearing his

The behavior of the artillery was beyond praise. Although harassed the greater part of the day by the enemy's rille fire the officers and men served their guns and smeked their pipes calmly. The officers showed beyond even that for pluck they have always been celebrated. The Marquis of Winchester refused to lie down and insisted on moving along the line instructing every man as to the direction in which he should fire. During the greater part of the day he seemed to bear a charmed life. Several bullets passed through his belmet. Finally one plerced his spine.

The artillery was engaged for twelve or thir teen hours. The number of rounds fired by each battery averaged 1,000. The example of calm endurance displayed by the artillery was magnificent

An informal arrangement was made under flag of truce between the enemy and the Brit-ish artillery in front that firing should cease during the collection of the wounded by both sides. A little later the enemy, about three miles off, attempted to reach the railway for the purpose of destroying the naval gun. They were promptly shelled and forced to retire. The Boers then opened from the eastern range a perfectly correct and heavy ombardment of two guns of the Seventy-fifth Battery. The latter could easily have stlenced the Boer gun, but they never moved, remaining eloquently silent under the heavy, accurate fire. Their conduct so won the admiration of the enemy that they suddenly ceased firing as a tribute of respect to British honor. A Boar doctor says the enemy lost 1,500 in killed and wounded.

### SPY IN METHUEN'S CAMP.

Caught Signalling to the Boers-Gen. Wauchope Buried Near the Camp.

the early part of the battle.

A despatch to the Times from Durban says that the Hon. Harry Escombe, Attorney-General of Natal, in the course of an address to the smittlance volunteers said that he looked forward to a united South Africa as a result of the war. Hitherto he had advocated autonomy, but he believed that this was impossible after the invasion of Natal by the Boers.

Sir Charles Warren, commander of the Fifth Division of the First Army Corps, has arrived here from England. A large crowd that was waiting to welcome him was disappointed as he unexpectedly drove to the Castle and not to the Government House.

The news from Queenstown that Gen Gatarre was defeated by a Hoer force smaller than was at first estimated causes no alarm here. Special Cable Desputch to THE SUR. MODDER RIVER, Dec. 14. (Delayed in transmission).-A Boer residing near the camp arrested yesterday on the charge of signalling to the enemy at night. For several nights suspicious lights were observed in the house of the prisoner, and on Sunday night a number of pickets from the Lancashire Legiment were posted in the vicinity to watch developments. Shortly afterward lights were displayed and the pickets advanced to the house. they approached, a dog in the garden barked and the lights in the house were immediately extinguished. The men hammered on nied that there were any men in the house, but the pickets made a search and found the accused. The pickets declare that the signals displayed from the house were answered from across the country.

The artillery record at Magersfontein shows that G Battery fired 1,235 rounds and that it smashed a Maxim gun late in the afternoon. Major-Gen. Wauchope of the Highland Brigade, who was killed in the battle at Magersfontein, was buried behind the British headquarters last night. Gen. Methuen and his staff were present. The Highland Brigade was drawn up in a square around the grave. and the pipers played a dirge, Cols. Dowdman and Goff were buried beside Gen. Was chope. The soldiers gathered stones from the veldt and marked the graves.

Extraordinary precautions were taken by the police to guard Mr. Chamberlain's landing on Suturday night. The public was not allowed to see him.

To-day dense bodies of police and soldiers guarded the avenues and approaches to licrosford place, where the meeting had been called. The speakers addressed the crowd from doorsteps and roars and cheers greeted every allusion to the British reverses. Cavairy were compelled to keep back the crowd, and at times a serious riot seemed likely.

Mr. Chamberlain's visit to Trinity College to-morrow to receive the honorary degree of LLD will be private, as if it partook of the character of a public demonstration, the authorities would be unable to control the people. The authorities have taken sweeping measures to preserve order, but the Trinity boys are likely to provoke a demonstration. The guiding of the Highlanders against the Boer position, which was done by men living in the locality, is inexplicable, even if the Boers had not been entrenched to the southeast of kopies. They had constructed a long barbed ire fence bordering the Meas farm and the British marched direct on this. Besides the regular trenches along the base of the hills berond the eastward kopje, the Boers for a distance of half a mile had dug holes for riflemen These were covered with brushwood, Had the British therefore occupied the front trenches they would still have been be-tween cross-fires, as the korje side was strongly held by artillery. The Highlanders apparently had no knowledge of The the near presence of the enemy. They advanced with an easy stride, as though the were on an ordinary night march, and some of

them even wanted to smoke their pipes. Boer doctors confirm the reports of heavy Boer losses. These doctors were captured by some volunteers as they were attending the wounded. They will be released.

Three men were arrested in the camp yes terday. It is not known why they were taken into custody.

A balloon ascended to the eastward to-day. The British are still searching the field and interring the dead. The Boers assist them and display the greatest courtesy. They taik in quite a friendly fashion. They say that British medical officer who was taken prisoner is in an awkward position as he was found to have a revolver.

hospital, which is full of men wounded mostly in the head and legs. An unusual proportion of the injuries are severe. The Boor officers and men are clothed in a kind of khaki that is almost identical in color

Most of the wounded have gone to the base

with the kopies.

Gen. Lord Methuen has written a letter to Commandant Cronje thanking him and his officers for their courteous treatment of the members of the Red Cross.

MANY FOLUNTEERS IN AUSTRALIA. Proposition to Send a Second Contingent of 1,500 Men.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Dec. 17.-For the secon contingent of troops for service in South Africa it is suggested that New South Wales contribute 600 men; Victoria, 400; Queensland 300, and South Australia, with Tasmania, 200. The New Zealand Parliament will consider the matter on Tuesday. Volunteers are numer-

supreme command of the British army there, is a household word in England. He was born at Cawnpore in India, in September, 1802, and entered the Bongai Artillery in the service of the East India Company in 1851. He served with distinction throughout the muthay, and won the Victoria Creas for braver, in the field in 1856. In the Abyssinlan campaign of 1852 he served as Assistant Quarterinas ter-General to Lord Napier, and had control of all the arrangements for the redmbarkation of the British army at the conclusion of the war. In the Afghan War he commanded the Luram field lorce, and subsequently had chief command of the army in Afghanistan. In 1876 he reoccupied Kabul, and in 1889 made the celebrated march to Kandahar, from which he took his title, and relieved that fortress, besieged by Ayoobkhan, the pretender to the Afghan throne, on whom he inflieted a crushing defeat. He subsequently became Commander-in-Chief of the Indian army. In 1881 he was sent to Natal to succeed Gen. Colley, killed at Majuba, but found that peace had been concluded before his arrival and he returned to India. In 1889 he commanded the Burmese expedition on the death of Sir H. MacPherson. He is at present commanding the troops in Ireland.

Gen. Lord Kitchener, who accompanies Lord Roberts as his Chief of Staff, was born in 1850 and entered the British Army as Lieutenant of Engineers in 1851. During the Franco-Prussian War he served as a volunteer in the French Army and in 1874 he served under Major Conder in the aurvey of western Palestine. In 1882 he became definitely attached to the Anglo-Egyptian army, then being organized by his revelyn Wood, and gradually rose to the chief command, completing his career by the victory of Omdurman, still fresh is every one's memory. Gotham Play To-night, Work To-morrow. Lackswanga's new train, in service Dec. 17, leaves
New York 11+40 P. M., reaching Buffalo 11:20 A. M.,
Beranton 4:05 A. M., Oswego 11:55 A. M., Binghamton 5:40 A. M., Elmira 7:00 A. M.—Adv.

MAFERING REPORTS ALL WELL,

Refusal to Release Commandant Viljoer in Exchange for Lady Sarah Wilson. Special Cable Despatch to THE Stre. LONDON, Dec. 17.-Gov. Sir Alfred Milner telegraphs from Cape Town to the Colonial

Office as follows:

"Pollowing received from Baden Powell: Received your despatches Nov. 28. All well here. Yesterday morning again succeeded in foreing the enemy to evacuate a strong commanding fortification to the northwest of the town. By our plan of advancing military works we continually push the Boers back. Are now pushing toward their main siege battery. Authentic information shows the Poers have a fairly large daily loss of life, while our casualties are small. Snyman retains Lady Sarah Wilson. Offers exchange her for Viljoen, who is prisoner here. I refused, offering instead a Boer woman, pointing out that we as a matter of course had returned twenty-eight women and children taken at the Sekwanis fight on Nov. 26. The Boer forces are now reduced to about two thousand, with one siege

and four field guns, under Snyman." MAPERING, Dec. 5, via Lorenzo Marquez. Dec. 15.—Everybody here is anxiously looking torward for the relief of the town and still hopes to eat Christmas dinner in reace. Col. Plumer's flying column has been stopped from advancing southward by the flooded Croco-

SAYS QUEEN SHOULD STOP THE WAR. The Rev. Powell Parker Says a Word From Her Would Bring Honorable Peace.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Dec. 17 .- Preaching to-day in the City Temple, the Rev. Powell Parker said: "There is only one way to stop the war. The Queen can do so, not officially, but as a woman. How? She herself must spontaneously decide, A word from her in her own tone would bring honorable peace."

The Queen has postponed her departure from Windsor for Osborna, Isle of Wight, which had been arranged for to-morrow. The Queen's postponement of her departure from Windsor is officially announced as "until "until after Christmas, as owing to the state of affairs in South Africa, her Majesty is unwilling to be greater distance from London.

DUTCH FARMERS BENTENCED.

A Year's Imprisonment For Those Found pecial Cable Derpatch to THE SUS.

CHIEVELEY, Natal, Dec. 15 .- A news agency despatch to the Natal Witness stated yesterday that four Dutch farmers of Natai had been sentenced to five years' imprisonment. This is incorrect. They were sentenced for one year. Col. Martyr is very ill of blackwater fever. He is in the hospital at Frere. Men employed by an American moving plo-

ure company are at the front taking pictures of the big naval guns shelling Colenso. Major Stuart Wortley has raised and brought here 1.200 stretcher bearers. The men volunteering for this work are refugees from the

Boer republics Capt. Congrave has been sappointed press

THE QUEEN'S GIFT TO THE TROOPS Chocolate Boxes Bear the Words, "I Wish

You a Happy New Year." Special Cable Desputch to THE SUN. Loxpox. Dec. 17.-The ship carrying the

first consignment of the chocolate given by the en to the troops in South Africa sailed on Saturday. Seven railways pressed for the honor of conveying the chocolate to Southampton. The design of the boxes containing the

chocolate was chosen by the Queen. The background is red and there is a border of blue On the left is the monogram V. R. I. surmounted by a crown. In the centre there is a bust of her Majesty, and on the right are the words, "South Africa." Below, in fac-simile of the Queen's handwriting, are the words: "I wish you a happy New Year. Victoria. R. I."

WINSTON CHURCHILL RECAPTURED? Report That He Was Again Taken by the Boers After Escaping From Pretoria.

Special Cable Despatches to Tuy Silve. LOBENZO MARQUEZ, Dec. 1d.-It is reported hat Winston Churchill, the newspaper correspondent who recently escaped from Pretoria, whither he was taken after his capture near Colenso, has been recaptured at Waterfalhouven. Pagronia, Dec. 13 -Before making his es-

cape from this city Winston Churchill sent a letter to the Transvaal War Office saying that as he was only a correspondent he considered his detention unjustifiable. He expressed the highest appreciation of his treatment.

DINNER IN AID OF THE MAINE, Many Notable Guests, and \$10,000 Raised for the Hospital Ship.

Special Cuble Disputes to Tim Bus. LONDON, Dec. 17 .- A brilliant dinner was given to-night at the Cariton Hotal in aid of the fund for the hospital ship Maine. Three hundred guests were present. Among the number were the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, the Marquis of Lorne, Ambassador and Mrs. Choate, Lady Randolph Churchill, the Austrian cut Russian Ambassadors, the medical officers of the Maine, Prince Demidoff and Prince Christian. The dinner realized £2.000.

PATRIOTIC SERMONS IN HALIFAX. Lady William Seymour Organizing a Concert to Aid Widows of Soldiers.

HALIPAL, N. S., Dec. 17 .- Lady William Seymour, wife of Gen. Seymour, is organizing a concert in aid of the Lord Mayor of London's fund for widows and orphans of soldiers killed in South Africa. To-night a sacred concert was riven to raise money for wives and children of Neva Scotlans in the Canadian contingent in South Africa. Patriotte war sermons were preached in the leading city churches to-day.

HERE TO BUY MULES FOR BRITONS. Officer of the Twenty-first Lancers Arrives on the Etruria and Hears Bad News.

Major J. Fowle of the Twenty-first Lancers, Major J. Fowle of the Twenty-first Lancers, and his orderly, W. H. Rowlatt, landed yesterday from the Cunarder Etruria, which arrived on Saturday high from Liverpool and Queenstown, too late to its k. They started for New Orleans yesterlay, Major Fowle will superintend the embarkation of 200 mules for the Transvani. Major Fowle and Rowlatt have seen service at Omdurman where the orderly was slashed by a dervish. Major Fowle was somewhat depressed by the news of Gen. Buller's repulse.

MENELER TO MAKE WARP byssinia's Ruler Said to Be Preparing to

Attack the British. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUS.

ROME, Dec. 17 .- The Osservatore Romano he organ of the Vatican, says it is certain that Negus Mensiek of Abyssinia is contemplating war against Great Britain. He wishes to wait, however, until her weakness is fully estab-lished.

> Lord Roberts's Son Dead. Special Cable Desputed to THE HOL.

AMERICAN KILLED AT LADYSMITH. News From the Boer Side-Report of Mor

Fighting at Modder River. Special Cubie Despuich to THE BUN. LORENZO MARQUEZ, Dec. 15 Delayed in transmission).—Despatches from Pretoria state hat fighting at Modder River was renewed today. No details are given.

A Mafeking despatch says that a Boer attack to gain the fort there was unsuccessful. The cannon fusfillade continues at Lady

Mr. Macrum, the retiring American Consul at Fretoria, will start for Lorenzo Marquez to-day on personal business. Mr. Holi.s, the Consul at Lorenzo Marquez, will take Mr. Macrum's place at Pretoria.

A despatch from the Boer headquarters outside Ladysmith says that an American named Harry Spanner was killed there, and that he was buried with others yesterday with full military honors.

An official despatch from Mafeking states that the English attacks on the Boer forts there continue.

A Stormberg despatch says: "Since the engagement Colonists are attacking us." Advices from Colenso are to the effect that the enemy are in great numbers on the flats four miles distant. They are cannonading the Boer positions without result, Other points

FIVE-ALARM FIRE THIS MORNING. Sweatshops Ablaze and Tenements Vacated

-Damage Placed at \$150,000. Policeman Healey smelled smoke as he passed the six-story factory building at 655 and 657 First ayonue, at 1 o'clock this morning. He ran toward the building and saw a reflection of flames in cellar which was used as a stable by Michael J. Kiley, an expressman. Healey turned to an alarm, but by the time the fireman appeared the entire six floors of the building were in flames and the fire was spouting from every window, both front and

The first floor was occupied by Quinn's bottling works, the second by the Swiss Laundry, the third by a wire mattress factory. and the upper floors by Emil Ney's clear factory. The firemen soon saw that the building would be a total loss, and in effort to save the surrounding property they ered in their work by the fog and a big excavation that extended along in front of the building between the sidewalk and the car tracks.

The property both north and south of the burning buildings consisted entirely of tenement houses. The many people living in them rushed into the atrect in all stages of undress, crying that all they owned on earth was about to be destroyed. Police reserves from the East Thirty-fifth street station went from house to house along the block and saw that everybody got out safely. Houndsman Quinn found a three-year-old girl asleep on the top floor of the building immediately south of the burning structure and carried her to the street. She had been forgotten by her parents.

At 1:30 o'clock the firemen had enough streams of water on the tenements and the factory building to prevent the fire spreading any further. At 2 — 2 Chief Croker and that the blaze was under control, though it was still burning florcely then. So far as the police and the firemen know no persons lost their lives, but thirty-five horses were burned to death in the basement of the factory building. The fire is believed to have been caused by a horse kicking over a lantern. Chief Croker estimated the loss at \$150,000. ered in their work by the fog and a big excava-

PASTOR ALLEN'S LOVE AFFAIRS,

Engages Himself to Two Women-Attempts Suicide-Will now Marry His First Love. NEWBURGH. Dec. 17 .- About two years ago the Rev. George Allen, pastor of the Presbyte-rian Church of Milton, Ulster county, met and on Miss Minaie Gedney, the handsome niece of Dr. Geducy. Some months later his health became poor and he resolved to take an ocean younge to Paisley, Scotland, where he had relatives.

On the return trip he met Miss Nokes, On the return trip he met Miss Nokes, 25 years of age, who was a trained nurse in a New York hospital. A proposal of marriage was made and accepted before their arrival in New York. The counte parted in this city, and when a few days afterward the paster met Miss Gedney in Milton he became conscience stricken, and went to the home of his cousin at Cold Spring, Mrs. Henry Hustis. The day after the arrival there he stood before a mirror in Cold Spring. Mrs. Henry Hustis. The day after his arrival there he stood before a mirror in his room and fired six bullets into his bedde.

Miss Nokes, was summoned to his beddede. This was in November 18'48. She nursed him back to health, and he then told his secret to her and she released him. The members of his church remained faithful to him through all his troubles, retaining him as pastor and raying his salary during his absence from the output. On Friday night, at the church service, he engagement of the mastor and Miss Gedney was again announced and brought forth hearty congratulations from the congregation. The weedding will occur in a few weeks.

SHOT DOING A TRICK.

Bullet from Conjurer's Pistol Mutilates His

Finger-Has Been Hurt Before. Henry Andre, a sleight-of-hand performer, known professionally as Zanzig, shot bimself in the hand last night while doing a trick in one of the usual Sunday night concerts at Proctor' Pleasure Palace. Andre was doing the trick of leading rings borrowed from the audience into a pistol, and then sheeling at a glass jar. The far was to have been shattered, at d the rings agree to have been found tied around the neck of a live guinca pig that was in the jar. While he was manipulating the rings the pistol was discouraged accidentally, and the forelinger of Andro's left hand, which was covering the barrel of the revolver, was badly mutilated. Andre walked off the stage and told one of the stage hands that he was hurt. The curtain was rung down and one of the other performers announced to the audience that an accident had occurred. Another turn was substituted. There were fully 1,000 people in the theatre, but there was no panic. Pr. Miller, who responded to a call for an ambulance from Flower Hospital, said that he could save Andre's finger, but he did not believe that the man would be able to work again for at least three months. loading rings borrowed trom the audience into

Andre's linger, the to work again for as man would be able to work again for as three months.

Andre shot himself in the eye about a year ago while doing a trick. He had only just recovered enough to go to work again, and on his success ias night depended his chance of a success ias night depended his chance of the success ias night depended his chance of the success is a success. a regular engagement. He wa to 127 East Twenty-third street.

ALABAMA'S SENATOR CONTEST.

Gov. Johnson Ahead Thus Far in the Fight With Senator Morgan.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 17.-The returns from the primaries held in Jackson, Morgan and Mineon countles yesterday indicate that Gov. Johnson won in all of them, thereby securing five more votes for United States Senator in the next General Assembly. Marshall country recent ly instructed for him, and his friends claim ten or eleven of the sixteen holdover Senators. The other holdovers are mostly for Morgan. Limestone country has instructed its nominee for Morgan, as also has Colbert, Coffee voted for a candidate favorable to former Congressman Osies, and even money was bethere yesterday that he discrement would lose all three of the countries which he appears to have carried. Only four or five other countries of the sixty-six in the State will act on the Senatorship point to the general primarles next April. The tievernor is ahead so far, but Morgan's friends are confident.

FURMER CONGRESSMAN KILLED. The Hon, E. P. Gillespie Struck by a Train

at Greenville, Pa.-Dies of His Injuries. SHARON, Pa., Dec. 17.-The Hon, Eugene P. Gillernie was struck by a Pittsburg, Bessemer and Lake Erie train at Greenville last night and sustained injuries which caused his death LONDOW, Dec. 17.—The Hon. Frederick H. S. Roberts, son of Field Marshal Lord Roberts, who has just been appointed to the chief command in South Africa, disd to-day.

Chief of Police and Burgiar Both Shot.
Moorhead. Minn., Dec. 17.—Chief of Police Murphy of Fargo was shot by a burgiar named Collins whom he attempted to arrest in this city to-day. Murphy also fired a shot which hit Colins. Both men are in the hospital.

Murphy is expected to die. Collins will ifve. at 2 o'cleck this morning. He was crossing

## GEN. A. D. ANDREWS RESIGNS

HASN'T THE TIME TO DEFOTE TO NATIONAL GUARD.

The Adjutant General's Besignation Accepted by the Governor, Who Cites the Great Services He Has Rendered to the Guard-A Talk With Gen. Andrews.

Adjutant-General Avery D Andrews has sent in his resignation to Gov. Roosevelt, and the latter has reluctantly accepted it. Among als intimate friends it was known that Gen. Andrews wished to take this step some time ago, but he remained in office to assist in the reestablishment of the National Guard, made necessary by the Spanish war. This is the letter which Gen. Andrews sent to Gov. Roosevelt:

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, STATE OF NEW YORK. STATE OF NEW YORK, ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE, ALBANY, Dec. 12, 1889.

Honorable Theodore Rousevell, Governor of New Yorks

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Sin: I have the honor to submit herewith
my resignation as Adjutant-tieneral of the
State. As explained to you several weeks mo,
the demands of my personal business affairs
are such that it is no longer possible for me to
devote the necessary time and attention to my
official duties as your Chief-of-Staff, and I
therefore, with great regret, request that my
resignation be accepted, to take effect not later
than Dec. 31, 1832.

My annual report will contain a detailed review of the work of Adjutant General's office for
the year, but it may not be improper to enumerate briefly some of the more important results
achieved under your administration. The new
system of staff administration which came into
existence with your inauguration has been
fully organized and is now in satisfactory operation; the National Guard and Naval Militia
have been recampinged at considerable expense,
and restabilished upon an efficient working
basis; political considerations have not been
permitted to have the slightest influence in
military or naval concerns; and notwithstanding an extraordinary number of changes in
personnel among both officers and men, due
argely to just and proceedly service in the United
State troops to-day exceeds 15,000 men and is
larger than ever before.

The work of the year, while voluminous and
exacting, has also been interesting and congenial, and I retire from your staff with the
greatest personal regret. In severing our official relations permit me to express my grateful appreciation of the generous freedom of
action and cordial support which I have invariably received at your hands. Respectfully.

Adjutant-feneral and Chief-of-Staff.

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Abery D. Andrews, Adjulantifeneral, N. F., Allang, N. 1.:

Sin:—I secept your resignation, to take effect Dec. 31. 1886, with the greatest rejuctance. I cannot overstate the value of the work you have performed during this year. The Guard was in a very disorganized condition as a result of the Spanish war at the time that you came into office, and, largely owing to the zeal, energy, disinterestedness and high appreciation of the military and civic necessities of the situation which you have shown, it has now been brought to a thoroughly satisfactory point of efficiency.

I thank you most heartily on behalf of the State, and greatly regret that you have to leave me. Very truly yours.

Theodore Roosevellt.

When Gen, Andrews was asked vasterday as

to the reasons that led to his resignation, he said: "My resignation is due solely to the neocssities of personal business affairs which have recently made unusual demands upon my time. My personal and official relations with the Governor and, as far as I am aware, with the National Guard and Naval Militia, are now and always have been most cordial and please

and always have been most cordial and please ant. Much has been accomplished during the past year in organising a new staff system and in reëstablishing the National Guard and Naval Milit's upon an efficient basis, but constant and laborious effort is needed to keep them up to the highest standards of equipment, discipline and elliciency, and I do not feel that I can longer devote the necessary time to the service of the State.

"Having been continuously in active military service since entering West Point eighteen years ago, including service in the regular Army, United States Volunteers and National Guard. I feel that I may at this time not im-properly ask to be relieved from further duty, at least for the present. I shall, however, always retain the deepest interest in all mili-tary matters, particularly of this State."

PITTSBURG NEWSPAPERS WIN.

Every Typesetting Machine Equipmed a Man-No More Help Wanted. PITTERURG, Dec. 17.-The three Sunday newspapers affected by the printers' strike

came out this morning on time, of their usual size and presenting the usual ap-pearance. All the typesetting machines in the offices of the papers to be issaued to-morrow are in operation, and the advertisements which the papers have been printing calling for machine and hand and the advertisements which the papers have been printing calling for machine and hand typesetters will appear no longer, there being no need for more men. The newspaper publishers that that ordinary typewriter operators make few more errors in working the typesetting machines than the hand printers made when they first started in on the machines.

No non-union printers have been brought in, President Dorflinger of the Stereotypers Union said to night that the pressuren and stereotypers have not been ordered out on strike.

NORMANNIA UNDER THE TRI-COLOR

Arrives Here as L'Aquitaine-Carried Span-The French liner L'Aquitaine, formerly the Hamburg - American steamship Normannia, completed her maiden trip from Havre under the tri-color yesterday. She was sold to the Spanish Government by her original owners during the Spanish - American War and re-

during the Spanish-American War and rechristened the Patriota. She has been overhauled thoroughly and is now probably next to
the French Line's best twin screw, La Touraine,
in point of speed.

L. Aquitaine had an unusually rough trip,
She 'ad five days of head seas and gales and
shipped the tops of lots of combers. Nearly
everyhody was seasick except Capt. Poirot and
his experienced sailors. The weather was
worst on Monday night when part of L'Aquitaine's bulwarks and a section of the promenade
deck rail were smashed.

REAL BULLETS IN STAGE BATTLE Iwo Members of the "Don Casar" Com-

pany Injured at Phoenix. PHENIX. Ariz., Dec. 17 .- In the last act of "Don Cresar" at the local theatre last night the exciting battle scene was made a little too realistic. By mistake the pistols were loaded realistic. By mistake the pistols were loaded with ball entridges. Not one of the fortyshots freed was blank. Paul Gilmore, who played the title role, was seriously wounded.

The ball, one of smal lealiber, entered the right leg just below the knee and gianced downward, grazing the bone for a considerable distance. He plackily maintained his part until the curtain fed. Another builet struck David Halbert of the commany in the fleshy part of the foot, making a painful wound.

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER GIVES \$10,000 To Meet Expenses of the Tuskegee Normal

and Industrial Institute. Booker T. Washington has received a letter from John D. Rockefeller agreeing to give \$10,600 to the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute at Tuskegee, Ain. Half of the sum is to be used in meeting last year's deficit, caused by the erection of necessary buildings and other improvements. The remaining \$5,000 is to be used toward the present year's ex-

SILVER DOLLAR SMITH VERY LOW.

He Lost Consciousness Yesterday and Is Not Expected to Live Through To-day. Silver Dollar Smith became worse late yesterday afternoon, when a hemorrhage set He lost consciousness and the power of articulation, but recovered both. He was not after-ward able to recognize friends. His ubyalcian said that Mr. Smith would probably survive the night, but that it was not likely that life

The Christmas Problem.

To solve it buy a Waterman Lieal Fountain Pe An ide i Christians Gift. Dealers everwhere or L.E. Waterman's Co., 157 Broadway, N. Y.—Ade.

uld last through to-day.